

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected claims 17-27, 33-35, and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 has been amended to recite "generating authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents," and claim 22 has been amended to recite "means for generating authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents." As such, claims 17 and 22, as amended, overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being as being incomplete. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claims 17-27, 33-35, and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be withdrawn. Since the Examiner has indicated that claims 17-27, 33-35, and 40-42 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-27, 33-35, and 40-42 are now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kevin Grange at 408-720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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